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COLLABORATING IN PROGRAMS MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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1. A LONG LETTER FROM SCIATT TO DR. COPE ABOUT HIS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED SUGGESTIONS FOR INDO-US COLLABORATION IN HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT WAS ABOUT TO GO OUT WHEN REFTEL ARRIVED. DR. COPE SHOULD RECEIVE LETTER VERY SHORTLY.
2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MEDICAL TRAINING BETWEEN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND ONE INDIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL IS DEFINITELY WORTH EXPLORING WITH GOI. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH GOI HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE IDEA FURTHER WITH BHM , THOUGH OF COURSE WE HAVE NO COMMITMENT FROM THEM AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT A PROJECT OF THIS TYPE. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE VALUE OF COMPARING AN UNDERGRADUATE-ORIENTED SYSTEM LIKE THE INDIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS WITH ONE ORIENTED TOWARDS UNIVERSITY GRADUATES. WE ASSUME PROTOCOL WOULD TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. WITH SOUTHERN ILLINOIS WILLING TO FUND THE DOLLAR COSTS, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND THE RUPEE COSTS EITHER AS A SFCP GRANT OR UNDER A "NO COST AGREEMENT."

WITH THE INDIAN SIDE FINANCING ITS OWN EXPENSES, DEPENDING ON WHICH FORMULATION BETTER SUITED THE NEEDS OF BOTH SIDES.

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3. THUS WE BELIEVE THAT A VISIT FROM DR. COPE WOULD BE USEFUL. SINCE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT DR. COPE WAIT UNTIL THEY REOPEN (LATE JULY- EARLY AUGUST) BEFORE TRAVELLING. SCIATT WILL BE ON HOME LEAVE UNTIL END OF AUGUST: IF DR. COPE COMES BEFORE THEN, SCICOUN AND SAXENA WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

4. WE WOULD SUGGEST A VISIT OF 5-7 DAYS INCLUDING MEETINGS IN
NEW DELHI (MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, AND AIIMS) AND BANARAS (BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSIT
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5. PLEASE ADVISE TRAVEL PLANS ASAP.
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